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1. The Army Tank Brigade is directly subordinate to the Commanding Officer of the Army, and it is integrated into the organization of the Army. The Army Tank Brigade in peace time consists of the following units:

- a. The Staff of the Brigade;
- b. The Tank Regiment;
- c. The Motorized Infantry Battalion;
- d. The Motorized Artillery Battalion;
- e. The Antitank Artillery Battalion;
- f. The Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion;
- g. The Communications Company;
- h. The Pioneer Company;
- i. The Reconnaissance Company;
- j. The Transportation Platoon;
- k. The Supply Company; and
- l. The Auto Repair and Workshop Company.

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Staff of the Brigade

2. The Staff of the Army Tank Brigade consists of the following:
- a. The Commanding Officer of the Brigade, with the rank of major general or colonel general;
 - b. The Assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade for the political side, with the rank of colonel or lieutenant colonel;
 - c. Chief of Staff of the Brigade, with the rank of General Staff officer-major or lieutenant colonel;
 - d. The officer in charge of the Operations Section, with the ranks of General Staff officer-major or captain;
 - e. The officer in charge of the Study-Training Section, with the rank of General Staff officer-major or captain;
 - f. The officer in charge of the Mobilization Section, with the rank of captain;
 - g. The officer in charge of the Political Education Section, with the rank of captain;
 - h. The officer in charge of Special Services, with the rank of major;
 - i. The assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade, for Supply, with the rank of lieutenant colonel;
 - j. The Chief of the Motor Section, with the rank of captain;
 - k. The Chief of the Section of Fuel and Lubricating Oil and Grease, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant;
 - l. The Chief of the Armament Section, with the rank of captain;
 - m. The Chief of the Medical Section, with the rank of lieutenant colonel; and
 - n. The Chief of the Budget and Control Service, a civilian employee.

At the Staff of the Brigade, there are five to seven employees working as typists in all the sections except Special Services. For security duties, the Staff has a Platoon of 30 enlisted men. Some of these men are used for supply duties and as clerks in some sections of the Staff.

The Tank Regiment¹:

3. The Staff of the Regiment consists of the following:
- a. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment, with the rank of colonel or lieutenant colonel. He has his own tank.
 - b. The assistant to the commanding officer of the regiment, for the political side, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, or major.
 - c. The Chief of Staff of the Regiment, with the rank of major or captain. He has his own tank.
 - d. Chief of the Operations Section, with the rank of captain.
 - e. Chief of the Study-Training Section, with the rank of captain.

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- f. Chief of the Mobilization Section, with the rank of captain.
 - g. Chief of the Political Education Section, with the rank of senior lieutenant or lieutenant. The political education of the regiment is under the direct control of the assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for the political side.
 - h. Chief of Special Services, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant. He is under the direct command of the Chief of Special Services of the Brigade.
 - i. The assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, for Supply ("Domakin na Polka"), with the rank of major or captain.
 - j. The officer in charge of the food supply of the Regiment, with the rank of lieutenant. He is the first assistant to the Commanding Officer's assistant for supply of the Regiment.
 - k. Chief of the Regiment's warehouse for military articles for the troops, not including arms, according to the plan for mobilization. He is a warrant officer.
 - l. Chief of the Armament Section, with the rank of senior lieutenant or lieutenant.
 - m. The Regiment's technical officer for armaments, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant. He is the chief of the Regiment's workshop for weapons.
 - n. Chief of the Motor Section, with the rank of senior lieutenant. He has an assistant with the rank of warrant officer who is responsible for fuel and lubricants.
 - o. Chief of the Medical Service -- the Regiment's doctor, with the rank of major or captain. He is responsible for the sanitary service of the regiment and is chief of the Regiment's hospital. He has under his command as assistants two or three sergeants and 10-15 junior sergeants. When a unit larger than a single battalion is detached from the regiment and is located more than 30 kilometers from Regimental Headquarters, the unit has its own doctor.
 - p. The Cashier of the Regiment, a civilian.
4. The regiment has two battalions, each composed of the following:
- a. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant colonel or major. He has his own tank.
 - b. The assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, for the political side, with the rank of captain.
 - c. The Adjutant of the Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant. At the same time he commands a platoon of some company of the Battalion.
 - d. Three Tank Companies.
5. The three tank companies are organized as follows:
- a. Commanding Officer of the Company, with the rank of senior lieutenant or lieutenant. He has his own tank.
 - b. The Warrant Officer of the Company.

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- c. Three Tank Platoons, each composed as follows:
 - (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant;
 - (2) The Warrant Officer of the Platoon;
 - (3) Twenty junior sergeants and privates;
 - (4) Three medium tanks.
6. Each of the three medium tanks carry a complement of five enlisted men as follows:
 - a. The commander of the tank ("Komandir na tanka");
 - b. The driver of the tank ("Vodach na tanka");
 - c. The aimer of the gun ("Merach na orudieto");
 - d. The loader of the gun ("Pulnach na orudieto"); and
 - e. The operator of the heavy machine gun, who is also the W/T operator for the tank.
7. In the Tank Company there is a total of ten T-34 tanks. In the Tank Battalion, there are thirty-one T-34 tanks, while the Tank Regiment has sixty-four T-34 tanks.

Motorized Infantry Battalion

8. The formation and organization of the Motorized Infantry Battalion is the same as that of the infantry battalion of the regular infantry regiments. The only difference is in the training, since the troops of this battalion are trained in conjunction with armored cars and tanks.
9. The Motorized Infantry, which belongs to the Tank Brigade, is organized as follows:
 - a. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant or lieutenant colonel or major.
 - b. The assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, for the political side, with the rank of captain.
 - c. The Adjutant of the Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant. He has two assistants, enlisted men serving as clerks.
 - d. Three attack companies.
10. Each of the attack companies has the following composition:
 - a. Staff:
 - (1) Commanding officer of the company, with the rank of senior lieutenant or lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) The warrant officer of the company, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) The observer, a junior sergeant, armed with a rifle;

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- (4) Two dispatch carriers ("raznosvachi"), corporal or private, armed with rifles;
- (5) Driver of the motor vehicle, a junior sergeant, armed with a rifle;
- (6) Driver of the motorcycle, a private, armed with a small automatic rifle; and
- (7) The Company Staff has in its possession a jeep-like motor vehicle and a motorcycle with a sidecar.

b. Three attack platoons, each carried on two trucks, have the following headquarters squad composition:

- (1) The commanding officer of the platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a machine pistol;
- (2) The warrant officer of the platoon, armed with a rifle;
- (3) The observer, a sergeant or corporal, armed with a rifle; and
- (4) Two dispatch carriers ("raznosvachi"), corporal or private, armed with rifles.

c. Three attack squads, with each squad organized as follows:

- (1) Commander of the squad, a junior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol;
- (2) The aimer of the light machine gun, a junior sergeant or corporal, armed with the light machine gun and a pistol;
- (3) The assistant to the aimer, a private, armed with a carbine;
- (4) The ammunition carrier ("podnosach"), a private, armed with a carbine;
- (5) First aimer, private or corporal;
- (6) Second aimer, private, armed with a machine pistol and an antitank rifle called "tankov yumruk;"
- (7) Third aimer, armed with a rifle;
- (8) Fourth aimer, private, armed with a machine pistol; and
- (9) Fifth aimer, private, armed with a rifle.

11. Weapons are as follows:

a. Attack Squad:

- (1) One Soviet 7.62 mm. "Dikteryov" light machine gun;
- (2) Three Soviet 7.62 mm. "Shpagin" or "Sudayev" machine pistols;
- (3) Five Soviet 7.62 mm. "Vintovka" rifles and carbines;
- (4) One Soviet 7.62 mm. "Tulski Tukarev" pistol; and
- (5) One Soviet antitank rifle, a copy of a German weapon.

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- b. Attack Platoon:
 - (1) Three light machine guns;
 - (2) Ten machine pistols;
 - (3) Twenty rifles and carbines;
 - (4) Three pistols; and
 - (5) Three antitank rifles.
 - c. Attack Company:
 - (1) Nine Soviet 7.62 mm. "Dikteryov" light machine guns;
 - (2) Thirty-one Soviet 7.62 mm. "Shpagin" or "Sudayev" machine pistols ("kartechni pistoleti");
 - (3) Sixty-four Soviet 7.62 mm. "Vintovka" rifles and carbines; and
 - (4) Nine antitank rifles.
12. The attack company has the following transport:
- a. One German "Steufger" or "Horch," or Soviet "GAZ" M.64 (jeep) two-axle motor cars;
 - b. Six Soviet "GAS" or "ZIS" three-ton trucks; and
 - c. One German 750 cubic centimeters "B.M.W." motorcycle with sidecar.
13. The Heavy Machine Gun Company "Teshko kartechna rota") is composed of the following units:
- a. Staff:
 - (1) Commanding officer of the company, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) The warrant officer of the company, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) The range-finder ("dalekometerist"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (4) The observer ("nablyudatel"), a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
 - (5) Two dispatch carriers ("raznosvachi"), corporals and/or private, armed with carbines; and
 - (6) Seven drivers of motor vehicles, junior sergeants or corporals, armed with carbines.
 - b. Three Heavy Machine Gun Platoons, each with the following headquarters squad composition:
 - (1) Commanding officer, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) Platoon sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
 - (3) Observer, a junior sergeant or corporal, armed with a carbine; and
 - (4) Two dispatch carriers ("raznosvachi"), privates, armed with carbines.

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- c. Two heavy machine gun squads, each consisting of two smaller groups. The platoon has a total of four smaller machine gun groups, each with the following composition:

- (1) Commander of the heavy machine gun group, a junior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol ("kartechen pistolet");
- (2) The aimer ("merach"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol and carrying the body of the heavy machine gun;
- (3) The assistant to the aimer, a corporal or private, armed with a pistol and carrying the support of the heavy machine gun;
- (4) Ammunition carrier, private, armed with a carbine; and
- (5) Two ammunition passers ("podnosachi,") privates, armed with carbines.

14. Weapons are as follows:

a. The smaller group:

- (1) One Soviet 7.62 mm. Maksim Sokolov heavy machine gun;
- (2) One machine pistol ("kartechni pistoleti");
- (3) Three carbines; and
- (4) Two pistols.

b. The heavy machine gun squad:

- (1) Two heavy machine guns;
- (2) Two machine pistols;
- (3) Six carbines; and
- (4) Four pistols.

c. The heavy machine gun platoon:

- (1) Four heavy machine guns;
- (2) Four machine pistols;
- (3) Sixteen carbines; and
- (4) Nine pistols.

d. The heavy machine gun company:

- (1) Twelve heavy machine guns;
- (2) Twelve machine pistols;
- (3) Fifty-seven carbines;
- (4) Thirty pistols; and
- (5) One Soviet range-finder ("dalekomer") with base measuring one meter.

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15. The heavy machine gun company has the following transport:
- a. One "GAZ" M. 64 two-axle motor cars; and
 - b. Six "GAZ" or "ZIS" three-ton trucks.
16. The Mortar Company consists of the following:
- a. Company headquarters:
 - (1) The commanding officer of the company, with the rank of senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) The warrant officer of the company, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) The compass carrier, a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
 - (4) The range-finder ("dalekomerist"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol and the range-finder with a base of one meter;
 - (5) Two calculators ("izchisliteli"), junior sergeants, armed with carbines;
 - (6) Seven drivers of motor vehicles, junior sergeants, armed with carbines; and
 - (7) Two motorcycle drivers, corporal and/or private, armed with carbines.
 - b. Two mortar platoons, each consisting of:
 - (1) Platoon commander, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) Platoon sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) Calculator ("izchislitel"), a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine; and
 - (4) Two mortar squads.
 - c. Each mortar squad consists of the following:
 - (1) Squad commander, a junior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol ("kartechen pistol");
 - (2) Aimer ("merach"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) Loader, corporal or private, armed with a pistol;
 - (4) Ammunition passer ("podovach"), private, armed with a carbine; and
 - (5) Two ammunition carriers, armed with carbines.
17. Weapons are as follows:
- a. The mortar squad:
 - (1) One 120 mm. mortar;
 - (2) One machine pistol;
 - (3) Three carbines; and
 - (4) Two pistols.

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b. The mortar platoon:

- (1) Two 120 mm. mortars;
- (2) Two machine pistols;
- (3) Seven carbines; and
- (4) Six pistols.

c. The mortar company:

- (1) Six "Polkovaya Minometka" mortars;
- (2) Six "Shpagin" or "Sudayev" machine pistols;
- (3) Thirty-three "Vintovka" carbines; and
- (4) Twenty-one "Tulski Tukarev" pistols.

18. The mortar company² has the following transport:

- a. One German "Steuffer" or "Horch" or Soviet "GAZ" M.64 motor cars;
- b. Two German "B.M.W." or "D.K.V." motorcycles;
- c. One German "Steyr" M.64 three-axle motor vehicle for towing.

Motorized Artillery Battalion

19. The Motorized Artillery Battalion consists of the following:

- a. The Battalion Staff;
- b. Two batteries;
- c. One howitzer ("gaubichna") battery; and
- d. A Communications Platoon.

20. The Battalion Staff consists of the following:

- a. Commanding officer of the battalion, with the rank of major or lieutenant colonel;
- b. Assistant to the commanding officer, with the rank of major or captain;
- c. Chief of Staff of the Battalion, with the rank of captain, with an officer assistant; and
- d. Chief of artillery supply material, with the rank of senior lieutenant ("starshi leitenant").

All other function, such as political education, medical control, and supply, are performed by the corresponding section in the Brigade Staff.

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21. The two batteries are each composed as follows:

a. The staff of the battery:

- (1) The commanding officer of the battery, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- (2) Intelligence officer ("razuznavach"), with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- (3) The warrant officer of the battery, armed with a pistol;
- (4) The Busolist (compass carrier?), a junior sergeant ("mladshi serzhant"), armed with a carbine;
- (5) The range-finder, a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
- (6) Two calculators, junior sergeants, armed with carbines; and
- (7) A motorcyclist, private, armed with a carbine.

b. Two artillery platoons, each platoon having two cannons and organized as follows:

- (1) Platoon commander, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- (2) Platoon sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol; and
- (3) The two gun crews.

c. The two gun crews each consist of the following:

- (1) Gun commander ("orude-en komandir"), a sergeant or junior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol;
- (2) Aimer ("merach"), a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
- (3) Loader ("pulnach"), private or junior sergeant;
- (4) Ammunition passer ("podavach"), private, armed with a carbine;
- (5) Fuse fitter ("postavach na zaryadite"), junior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
- (6) Two helpers ("pomagachi"), privates, armed with carbines; and
- (7) A driver ("vodach") of the motor vehicle ("vlekach"), private, armed with a carbine.

22. The battery, strength 44 men, is armed with the following weapons:

- a.. Four 75 mm. cannons;
- b. Four machine pistols;
- c. Eight pistols;
- d. Thirty-two carbines;
- e. Four motor vehicles ("vlekachi"); and
- f. One motorcycle.

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23. The howitzer ("gaubichna") battery has the same composition and organization as the "orudynata" battery, except that it is equipped with 125 mm. Soviet howitzers.
24. The Communications Platoon is composed as follows:
 - a. Platoon commander³, with the rank of lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - b. Platoon sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - c. A radio group of four to five enlisted men, armed with carbines, serving a radio station with a range of 30 kilometers; and
 - d. A telephone group of 18 to 20 enlisted men with a field telephone station ("numerator") and ten field telephones. The telephone group has the task of furnishing internal communications for the battalion, and they are armed with carbines.
25. The Communications Platoon, strength 26 men, has the following equipment:
 - a. Twenty-four carbines;
 - b. Two pistols;
 - c. One W/T station;
 - d. One telephone station; and
 - e. Ten telephones.

Antitank Artillery Battalion

26. The Antitank Artillery Battalion consists of the following units:
 - a. The Battalion Staff:
 - (1) The Commanding Officer of the Battalion with the rank of lieutenant colonel or major;
 - (2) The assistant to the Commanding Officer of the battalion, for the political side, with the rank of major or captain; and
 - (3) The Chief of Staff of the Battalion, with the rank of captain.All other functions are performed by the corresponding sections and services of the Brigade Staff.
 - b. Two Antitank Batteries:
 - (1) The Commanding Officer of the Battery, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) The Warrant Officer of the Battery, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) The Range-Finder ("Dalekometerist"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (4) The dispatch rider ("raznosvach-mototsikletist"), a private, armed with a machine pistol;
 - (5) The driver of the motor car ("vodach na motorna kila"), a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine; and
 - (6) Three Antitank Platoons.

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27. Each Antitank Platoon is composed as follows:

- a. The commanding officer of the platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a machine pistol;
- b. The platoon sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
- c. The enlisted men forming a gun crew, and composed as follows:
 - (1) The chief of the cannon, a sergeant or junior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol;
 - (2) The aimer, a junior sergeant, armed with a carbine;
 - (3) The loader, a private, armed with a carbine;
 - (4) Ammunition passer ("podavach"), a private, armed with a machine pistol;
 - (5) Two helpers ("dvama pomagachi"), privates, armed with carbine; and
 - (6) A driver, junior sergeant, armed with a carbine.

28. Weapons are as follows:⁴

- a. The Antitank Platoon:
 - (1) Two antitank cannons;
 - (2) Five machine pistols; and
 - (3) Five carbines.
- b. The Antitank Battery:
 - (1) Six antitank cannons;
 - (2) Sixteen machine pistols;
 - (3) Thirty-four carbines; and
 - (4) Two pistols.

29. Motor vehicles consist of the following:

- a. One two-axle cars;
- b. Six three-axle vehicles; and
- c. One motorcycle.

Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

30. The Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion consists of the following units:

- a. The Battalion Staff:
 - (1) The Commanding Officer of the Battalion, with the rank of lieutenant colonel or major;
 - (2) The Assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, for the political side, with the rank of major or captain; and

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- (3) The Chief of Staff of the Battalion, with the rank of captain, with an assistant (a junior officer) and a civilian clerk.

All other functions are performed by the corresponding sections and services in the Brigade Staff.

- b. Two Antiaircraft Artillery Batteries, each with the following composition:
 - (1) The Commanding Officer of the Battery, with the rank of senior lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) The Warrant Officer of the Battery, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) The Range-Finder, one or two junior sergeants, armed with pistols;
 - (4) The Intelligence Officer, a junior sergeant or sergeant, armed with a carbine; and
 - (5) Three Antiaircraft Artillery Platoons.
31. The three Antiaircraft Artillery Platoons each have two guns, and the Battery has a total of six guns. The Platoon is composed as follows:
 - a. The Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - b. The Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol; and
 - c. The gun crews, each consisting of the following:
 - (1) Chief of the cannon, a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) First aimer ("prvi merach"), a junior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) Second aimer ("vtori merach"), a corporal or private, armed with a pistol;
 - (4) Loader, a private armed with a carbine;
 - (5) Ammunition passer, a private, armed with a carbine;
 - (6) Helper, a private, armed with a carbine; and
 - (7) Driver of the vehicle, a junior sergeant or private, armed with a carbine.

32. Weapons are as follows:⁵

- a. The Antiaircraft Artillery Platoon:
 - (1) Two antiaircraft cannons;
 - (2) Eight carbines; and
 - (3) Six pistols.
- b. The Antiaircraft Artillery Battery:
 - (1) Six antiaircraft cannons;
 - (2) Six machine pistols;
 - (3) Twenty-five carbines; and
 - (4) Twenty-one pistols.

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Communications Company

33. The Communications Company is directly subordinate to the Commanding Officer of the Tank Brigade, and its organization is as follows:
- a. Commanding Officer of the Company, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - b. The Warrant Officer of the Company, armed with a pistol;
 - c. A W/T Platoon, strength 22 men, consisting of the following:
 - (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, a lieutenant or junior lieutenant armed with a pistol;
 - (2) Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol;
 - (3) Four W/T squads, each composed of five enlisted men; and
 - d. A Telephone Platoon consisting of the following:
 - (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - (2) Platoon sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol; and
 - (3) Thirty enlisted men armed with carbines. The platoon has 20 field telephones. The telephone material is of German and Bulgarian make, and it is loaded on three motor vehicles especially designed for field telephone service.
34. The four W/T squads each have one W/T station with a range of 30-50 kilometers, with the exception of one squad which has a W/T station with a range of 100 kilometers. The sets are of Soviet make, but it is possible that there are some old German sets still in use. The radio stations are mounted on motor vehicles.

The Pioneer Company

35. The Pioneer Company consists of the following:
- a. The Commanding Officer of the Company, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
 - b. The Warrant Officer of the Company, armed with a pistol; and
 - c. Three Platoons.
36. The three Platoons are composed as follows:
- a. The Mine-Destroying Platoon ("mino-razrushitelen"):
 - (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a machine pistol;
 - (2) Warrant Officer of the Platoon, armed with a carbine; and
 - (3) Three mine-destroying squads, each consisting of nine enlisted men armed with five machine pistols and four carbines. Each squad is supplied with one motorcycle and one truck.

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b. The Engineer ("Shturmovi") Platoon:

- (1) The Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a machine pistol;
- (2) Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol; and
- (3) Three "shturm" squads, each consisting of 11 enlisted men armed with one light machine gun, one pistol, six machine pistols, and four carbines.

c. The Roads and Bridges Platoon ("putno-mostovi V'zvod"):

- (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- (2) Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol; and
- (3) Two squads. One is the road construction squad with 20 enlisted men armed with carbines and supplied with necessary material for road construction. The other is the bridge construction squad ("pontono odelenie") with 20 enlisted men. It is supplied with five rubber pontoon boats for making small pontoon bridges.

37. The Engineer Platoon is supplied with the necessary engineering material, and is armed with the following weapons:

- a. One "Dikteryov" 7.62 mm. light machine gun;
- b. Three "Tulski Tukarev" 7.62 mm. pistols;
- c. Twenty "Sudayev" 7.62 mm. machine pistols;
- d. Twelve "Vintovka" 7.62 mm. carbines; and
- e. Three German (?) flame throwers.

All the men of the Roads and Bridges Platoon are trained in engineer reconnaissance.

The Reconnaissance Company

38. The Reconnaissance Company consists of the following:

- a. The Commanding Officer of the Company, with the rank of captain or senior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- b. The Warrant Officer of the Company, armed with a pistol; and
- c. Two Platoons.

39. The two Platoons consist of the following:

a. A Motorcycle Platoon:

- (1) Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a machine pistol; and
- (2) Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a machine pistol.

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The platoon is supplied with five motorcycles, three of them with sidecars. The platoon has 15 soldiers trained exclusively in reconnaissance tasks and armed with light machine guns, machine pistols, and carbines.

b. Platoon with armored cars:

- (1) The Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- (2) Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant; and
- (3) The platoon is supplied with four armored cars for reconnaissance. Each car can carry four soldiers.

The Transportation Platoon

40. The Transportation Platoon ("prevozen v'zvod") consists of the following:

- a. The Commanding Officer of the Platoon, with the rank of lieutenant or junior lieutenant, armed with a pistol;
- b. Platoon Sergeant, a senior sergeant, armed with a pistol; and
- c. Twenty-five to thirty enlisted men, drivers and assistant drivers, armed with rifles. The platoon is supplied with 10-15 trucks for transporting the Brigade's material of all kinds. All the cars belonging to the Brigade Staff are counted in this platoon.

The Supply Company

41. The Supply Company ("Rota na tila") is directly subordinate to the Assistant to the Commanding Officer of the Brigade for supply. The Commanding Officer of the Supply Company has the rank of captain or senior lieutenant. The Supply Company supplies the Brigade through the following units:

- a. Food supply ("hranitelno otdelenie"). This group has two or three junior officers and 15 enlisted men who have the task of supplying the Brigade with food.
- b. Workshop ("veshtevo odelenie"). This unit has one officer, two to three sergeants, 20 privates, and five to six civilian employees (master workmen). The task of the workshop is to repair old clothes, shoes, and other leather articles of the troops. The workshop makes new clothes for the Staff Officers, noncommissioned officers, and civilian employees.

The Auto-Repair Workshop Company

42. The Auto-Repair Workshop Company is composed as follows:

- a. The chief of the workshop, with the rank of captain-technical officer;
- b. Two technical officers as assistants, one for tank repair, and the other for car repairs;
- c. The chief of the warehouse for reserve material, with the rank of warrant officer;

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- d. The overhaul groups ("remontni grupni"), of which there are five or six, each composed as follows:
 - (1) Master mechanic ("montyor"), a warrant officer or civilian employee;
 - (2) Assistant to the master mechanic, a sergeant or civilian employee;
 - (3) Apprentice mechanic ("uchenik montyor"), a sergeant or civilian employee.
- e. Carpenter shop, with one master carpenter and two privates as assistants;
- f. Blacksmith shop, with a master smith and two privates as assistants;
- g. Battery maintenance group ("akumulatorna grupa"), with a master workman and a private as assistant; and
- h. Electro-technical workshop, with two master electricians and two privates as assistants.

1. **Comment:** In the composition of the Tank Regiment there is the so-called Tank Training Company with twelve tanks of the same type as the other tanks belonging to the Regiment. These tanks are used in teaching battle-aiming to all the companies of the Regiment. Other training and maneuvers are done with other material, but only on the orders of the Minister of Defense. Only basic training is given in the Training Company. In the log book of every tank there is a record of the number of kilometers the tank has traveled and other information about the expendable material of the tank. From the information obtained to date, Bulgarian tank units are equipped with Soviet T-34 tanks. In addition, there are old German tanks in some units used for training only.
2. **Comment:** The mortar company of the infantry battalion in the Tank Brigade has 120 mm. mortars, while those of the ordinary infantry battalion are 80 mm.
3. **Comment:** The commanding officer of the Communications Platoon is at the same time the Chief of communications for the Artillery Battalion.
4. **Comment:** The Antitank Battalion of the Tank Brigade is armed with Soviet 75 mm. cannons. One battery is sometimes armed with Soviet 45 mm. cannons just as in the Antitank Battalion of the Infantry Division.
5. **Comment:** The Antiaircraft Battalion is equipped with Soviet 37 mm. automatic antiaircraft guns drawn by "Ford" vehicles. According to all information received to date, the vehicles towing the guns in the Bulgarian Antiaircraft Artillery units are of German, Italian, or French origin.

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